Closure of LPG agency at Ramtek (Nagpur)

2785. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether HPCL has received any demand from Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat, Nagpur to start the home delivery of the cooking gas cylinders by restarting the gas agency in Ramtek;

(b) if so, the response thereto; and

(c) what is the reason for shutting down the only gas agency of the RamtekTehsil of District Nagpur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat, Nagpur has filed a Writ Petition in the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, (Nagpur Bench) against the closure of an extension counter operated by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) distributor located at Kamptee, Nagpur. HPCL has closed Down the subject extension counter, consequent to the commissioning of a new LPG distributorship by India Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) at Ramtek, as per the policy of the Government. The subject Writ Petition in the matter has also been dismissed on 29th July, 2002.

LPG connections in NE region

2786. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons registered for LPG connections for more than one year in the various districts of North Eastern Region;

(b) the details of reasons for not providing the LPG to the waitlisted persons in this region; and

(c) by when the waitlist is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) At present, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are releasing LPG connections on demand in all the existing LPG markets and there is no registered waiting list pending with the LPG distributors of OMCs, in any part of the country.